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SUBJECT:ECOSOC: PLO APPLICATION

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCERNED OVER REFTEL BECAUSE OUR USUAL POSITION ON PLO OBSERVER STATUS IS TO OBJECT TO OR REGISTER RESERVATIONS ABOUT INVITING NLMS TO PARTICIPATE IN UN MEETINGS. THUS IF WE DO NOT REGISTER OBJECTION WHEN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED (PARA 4 REFTEL "THERE BEING NO OBJECTION",) THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS CHANGE IN OUR POLICY IN REGARD TO PLO. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT MAKING THIS OBJECTION MAY UNDERMINE AGREEMENTS REACHED BY CONSULTATIONS PARA 3 TO AVOID INTERVENTIONS AND MENTIONING PLO BY NAME.

2. IF LANGUAGE REPORTED REFTEL OR ANY OTHER LANGUAGE
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INVOLVING CONCURRENCE OF COUNCIL IS USED BY AKHUND ON JULY 3 IN DEALING WITH PLO APPLICATION, USDEL SHOULD ASK TO MAKE STATEMENT OF OBJECTION AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

3. FOLLOWING US STATEMENT SHOULD BE USED: "WHILE WE HAVE NOT ASKED FOR A VOTE ON THIS DECISION, WE WISH THE RECORD TO SHOW THAT THE US CONTINUES TO HAVE GRAVE AND WELL KNOWN

RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF INVITING NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN UN MEETINGS OF THIS SORT. WE WISH TO RECALL THAT IN PARTICIPATING IN A CONSENSUS ON CHANGES IN THE ECOSOC RULES OF PROCEDURE CONCERNING NLMS, WE RESERVED THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS OUR RESERVATIONS ON SPECIFIC INVITATIONS AND ARE SO DOING."

4. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT FORMULA PROPOSED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL IS IN TWO RESPECTS INCONSISTENT WITH RULE 73 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY ECOSOC IN MAY 1975 (TEXT GIVEN POOLE BY TELEPHONE). PARA 4 REFTEL FORMULA ADDS, GRATUITOUSLY AND INCORRECTLY, PHRASE "WHICH REQUEST IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GA RESOLUTION 3237 OF 25 NOVEMBER 1974." GA RESOLUTION, IN FACT, STATES INTER ALIA "THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY . . . CONSIDERS THAT THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IS ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE AS AN OBSERVER IN THE SESSIONS AND THE WORK OF ALL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES CONVENED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF OTHER ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS;". IN ADDITION, PARA 4 REFTEL FORMULA MAY AMOUNT TO BLANKET AUTHORIZATION FOR NLM TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY AND ALL ECOSOC DELIVERATIONS; WHEREAS, RULE 73 INDICATES THAT AN NLM MUST DEMONSTRATE PARTICULAR CONCERN WITH A SPECIFIC ITEM AND IT WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ECOSOC (ONLY) WITH RESPECT TO THAT ITEM. INGERSOLL

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